

JEFF CAR 2015 Design Review Team S106 Meeting FINAL NOTES

Meeting #4: January 9, 2012 10-12 AM Central

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Web: No web component

I. Attendance

Role	Name	Participated
DRT Member	Tom Bradley	x
DRT Member	Maggie Hales	x
DRT Member	Vern Remiger	x
DRT Member	Judith Deel	x
DRT Member	Bill Hart	x
DRT Member	Karen Bode Baxter	
DRT Member	Ann Honious	x
DRT Member	Mark Miles	x
Advisor: CRM Team	Tim Schilling	x
Advisor: National Trust	Jennifer Sandy	x
Advisor: National Trust	Betsy Merritt	
Facilitator	Margo Brooks	x
Facilitator	Greg Cody	

II. Overview of draft archeological report—Tim Schilling

Tim Schilling provided a brief overview of the results of archeological testing in the west entrance and Luther Ely Smith Square. The draft report is currently under review by the SHPO office, and tribes and will be finalized shortly. Judith Deel asked that the draft be circulated to Bob Reeder at MO DoT for review as well. Tim will forward the report and provide the draft report to CAR 2015. The report will be finalized after comments are received.

In general, the report confirms that there is extensive disturbance in the West Entrance and Luther Ely Smith Square project area. Only one small section of truncated intact soil was located. Preliminary recommendations by MWAC are that the first 5 feet of soil from existing grade is completely disturbed, but deeper excavations have a chance of encountering foundations or other deposits which may or may not be significant and should be monitored. It is also clear that some areas around the museum and arch have very little likelihood of intact deposits due to the depth of previous excavations.

Other portions of the park will need to undergo similar archeological testing, after which a better monitoring/testing strategy can be developed as necessary.

III. Berm Height Discussion/Official Comments

Ann Honious presented a proposal for the height of the berm over the museum. This proposal was developed in coordination with the Design Team and the park's S106 Advisor Team and has been vetted by the NPS regional office. The park team recognizes that this proposal will affect the cultural landscape, but also that the GMP and previous planning calls for enhancements of the park entrance that cannot be made without having an effect. The proposal is the park's best compromise between minimizing effects and having a usable building that fulfills the project goals. The proposal would:

1. Increase the berm height up to 3'6" higher than current height, with consideration for a lower increase if technically feasible;
2. Set the lobby ceiling height at 14';
3. Lower the museum entry threshold and lobby by 1' per Study F;
4. Maintain a sloped plaza without ramps or stairs
5. Reduce the thickness of the structural profile of the roof and lawn soil/drainage layers from 7' 6" to 7"

All DRT members agreed to this proposal.

Design work on the building can continue with these constraints. Design on the landscaping and berm profile will come later.

IV. Security Barrier System Discussion/Official Comments

The DRT discussed what comments could or could not be formulated at this time without additional information since design is still conceptual. People were reminded that although the current bollard system is not a contributing feature of the Monument, neither is on the edge of the Monument grounds and does not impinge on the Monument. The discussion concluded that although barrier walls are not something that can or should be excluded from the design effort in concept, the Design Team should keep in mind the following as they continue to refine the design:

1. The design should meet the guidelines for the Secretary of the Interiors' Standards for Rehabilitation and the DRT will be judging the design against those standards;
2. The design should strive for minimal visual intrusion;
3. An inviting aspect, which includes permeability or the ability to pass into the park at multiple locations, should be a goal;
4. It should be clear in the next set of drawings where the barrier system will be placed—within or outside of the bounds of the Monument;
5. The S106 Advisor Team should weigh in on any additional considerations for the Design Team to take into account as the design is refined.

The DRT agreed to these comments.

Ann Honious will coordinate collecting any additional conditions or information needs from the S106 Advisor Team.

V. Courthouse Schematic Design Discussion/Official Comments

The schematic design review for the courthouse was extended until January 10 and the park is still collecting comments from its S106 Advisor Team.

Jennifer Sandy asked if there were additional information on the external ramps. Margo Brooks did not have any additional information. The presentation in December utilized photos from the design report and VAs. Margo will send that information to Jennifer, but there will be more opportunities to comment.

Judith Deel and Bill Hart indicated that they were unable to access the files. Margo Brooks will resend the links to the files and send electronic copies via FedEx.

The DRT agreed to provide written comments on the design package by the 18th. They will then be consolidated with the S106 Advisor Team comments by Ann Honious and Margo Brooks. If there are no conflicts, the comments received will be official DRT comments.

VI. Area 3-7 Pre-Design Plans Discussion/Official Comments

Area 3-7 Predesign Plans were provided for background information. Several people have not seen these either and may comment in the same manner as for the Courthouse Schematic Design Package. Margo Brooks will consult with the DSC team to see if there are outstanding issues that they want the DRT to comment on early and schedule another meeting if necessary.

VII. Next Steps

Written comments on the Old Courthouse will be submitted by next week.

Those comments, along with the ones outlined above will be consolidated and sent to the Design Team as official DRT comments.

The next design package is expected in mid-February. It will be distributed, a presentation will follow where the DRT, S106 Advisors and others can ask questions. It will be followed in late February by a DRT meeting to collect official comments.

Attachment:

DRT Comments on Outstanding Issues 1-9-13

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Quality Assurance

S106 Design Review Team

REVIEWER:

DATE REVIEWED: 1/9/2013

NO.	DWG or SPEC SECTION	QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMENT
1		BERM HEIGHT
2		The DRT formally accepts the proposal to increase the berm height up to 3'6" over the current height. As part of the proposal, other design considerations apply:
3		1. Increase the berm height up to 3'6" higher than current height, with consideration for a lower increase if technically feasible;
4		2. Set the lobby ceiling height at 14';
5		3. Lower the museum entry threshold and lobby by 1' per Study F;
6		4. Maintain a sloped plaza without ramps or stairs
7		5. Reduce the thickness of the structural profile of the roof and lawn soil/drainage layers from 7' 6" to 7"
8		SECURITY BARRIER SYSTEM (AREAS 1 and 3 - 7)
9		The design should meet the guidelines for the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation and the DRT will be judging the design against those standards;
10		The design should strive for minimal visual intrusion;
11		An inviting aspect, which includes permeability or the ability to pass into the park at multiple locations should be a goal;
12		It should be clear in the next set of drawings where the barrier system will be placed—within or outside of the bounds of the Monument;
13		The S106 Advisor Team will provide a list of additional considerations for the Design Team to take into account as the design is refined.
14		The S106 Advisor Team will provide a list of additional information that will be useful to see in the next design package.
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